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Ministers' Triumphal Tour or Mainland Drawing to Close -Mr. Mackenzie's Election is Certain

JAPANESE IN THE FISHING INDUSTRY

Orientals Know Every Nook and Cranny of British Columbia's Sea Coast, Says Premier McBride

VANCOUVER, B.C., Mar. 20 .- The triumphal tour of the mainland by Pre-mier McBride and Attorney General Bowser was concluded with the excep-tion of Vancouver and New Westminster by two meetings held in the Delta constituency today. At a meeting in Milner in the afternoon, Mr. John Oliver the Liberal candidate, was present and was invited to address the meeting. At oth places the two ministers were the recipients of bouquets, and both meetngs were so strongly in favor of Mr Frank Mackenzie the Conservative candidate, that Mr. Oliver's outlook would

appear to be very gloomy indeed. The evening meeting was held in McNeely's hall in Ladner and like the previous imeeting was addressed by the two ministers and Mr. Mackenzie, but as Mr. Oliver had another meeting of his own, he could not be present. After the meeting the Premier and Attorney General went to New Westminster in s

Candidate Speaks

Mr. D. B. Grant presided. Mr. Mackenzie said he had not expected an election, because two and a half years ago the electors had told his opponent they did not want him, and the Liberal party had done the same thing by deposing him and putting a very able man, Mr. Brewster, in its place. Notwithstanding that reciprocity must prove injurious to the dairymen of the district, Mr. Oliver had advocated it, so that Washington milk might be brought in free of duty. During the time he had Mr. D. B. Grant presided. Mr. Macin free of duty. During the time he had sat in the house he (Mr. Mackenzie) had secured \$51,150 for public improvements, while for 11 years previously

they had secured nothing but the speeches of their member.

Mr. McCrossan had accused him of not having the moral courage to be the representative of Delta, yet Mr. Mc-Crossan himself had not backbone enough to be a candidate for his own party in the city of Vancouver.

Practically No Opposition

Premier McBride was given an ova-ion, and was presented with a bouquet by little Miss Clarinda Davis. He said that every opportunity had been given to the Liberais to question and criticise, and Mr. Brewster had the assistance of Mr. Oliver as his advisory board, yet the policy of the government was such that elves could find no real fault with it, and there was practically no opposition. Was there any reason then why the district should reject Mr. Mackenzie and send Mr. Oliver in his

A voice-"We don't want him." The premier continued that Mr. Oliver after being rejected in provincial poli tics, had graduated into Dominion affairs, and when he was still more de eisively turned down there he had expected to see him in imperial affairs. Instead of that he had receded to provincial politics again, keeping it up with the old municipal grind. While Delta was not in the original itinerary of the party, owing to elections by acclamation they had seized the opportunity to put it in. Not that it was necessary, be-cause they had found that not only was Mr. Mackenzie safe in Delta, but it was almost certain his opponent would lose

his deposit. (Applause.) Speaking of the Japanese in the fishing industry, the premier said that if was desirable that people of our own race should be in charge of our seaboard. The little yellow men were in such complete control of the fishing that they knew every nook and eranny of our sea coast from the 49th parallel to Alaska, and if trouble should arise they knew more of conditions than our own people did. More should be done to strengthen both our land and sea forces.

Mexico Wants Explosives

WASHINGTON, March 20.-Unless some arrangements are made soon to permit the shipment of explosives into Mexico, large mining industries probably will be compelled to suspend operations. Col. Steever, commanding the Fourth U. S. Cavalry, reported to the war department today that 90,000 pounds of dynamite, consigned to commercial organiza tions in Mexico was being held at El Paso. It is probable that a stand will be devised to allow explosives for mining to be forwarded in bond.

Accident to Aviator

SACRAMENTO, March 20 .- Aviator Charles K. Hamilton was struck by a gust as he was alighting here today, and is machine was driven along the back stretch of the race track at terriffic speed. He jumped, but the wheels caught his clothing and dragged him some distance. The engine was going at a full speed, and the propeller blades were revolving near his head. He sustained only bruises.

Modus Operandi May Be Arranged Be-ATLANTIC FISHERIES tween Canada, Newfoundland and United States

OTTAWA, March 20 .- That there will be no need to establish a mixed fishery commission provided for under The Hague award is now confidently believed in administrative circles, as a result of the recent visit of Hon. J. D. Hazen and Sir Joseph Pope to Washington, A modus operandi has been practically accepted whereby future regulations will be provided regarding North Atlantic fisheries, to be arranged between Can-ada, the United States and Newfound-land without recourse to a mixed tri-

WRECK STREWN SHORE Shoreline of Anticosti Is Graveyard of

OTTAWA, March 20.—The department of marine and fisheries is preparing a chart showing the number of wrecks off the islands of Anticosti since 1820. The charts show the south coast to be closely fringed with wrecks, the northeast coast and points of the is-lands also having their share. Not fewer than one hundred and ten ships are recorded as having been lost on these coasts. The government has now four modern lights on Anticosti.

Fire in Quebec Hotel QUEBEC, March 20 .- There was an

xciting time at the Clarendon hotel shortly after midnight, a fire having proken out on the second floor, The of their sleep and hustled downstairs in more or less undressed attire. There

G. T. P. HOTEL

Two Million Dollar Structure, in Course of Erection at Winnipeg, Commences to Sink Into Excavations

million dollar structure in course of erection, when thousands of tons of earth started to sink rapidly into the

pening was when the creaking and groaning of timber stays was heard on the northeast corner. Nothing could be done to stop the slide. It is calculated that the pressure exerted by the earth was six thousand pounds to the square foot. The heavy steel pillars were bent in as if they had been paper and the entire east side of the steel structure is badly strained.

Gaping fissures six feet wide, mark the extent of the landslide. It extends the entire length of the east side of the excavation half way across the north

TRIPLE TRAGEDY

Patient Kills Seattle Physician and His Assistant, Then Suicides

SEATTLE, March 20 .- W. Tuttle Akey, a licensed physician and non head of an advertising medical office-owned by a syndicate that conducts of-fices in all the large eities of the Pacific Coast, was shot and killed, along with his assistant, Samuel Suskind, by A. T. Anderson, a patient, who killed himself.

Akey and Suskind were old employee of the syndicate having worked in offices of other cities. Not much is known of Anderson, who was a miner and logger. When he came to Seattle last October he deposited \$900 in a bank and only \$4.50 remained when he took his life. Scores of receipts for money paid to Akey were found in Anderson's room. Other receipts showed that he had been passed along from one office of the syndicate to another, beginning in Nevada in March, 1910, and that he had given a great deal of money to the "special-

After the shotting the books of the Akey office were seized by the police. They showed gross receipts of \$3000 in January, Anderson, entering the Akey office with a little .25 callibre pistol concealed in his hand and opened fire on Akey. J. R. Rucker, business man-ager for the medical syndicate, and the Japanese office boy, fled at the first shot and escaped. Akey was shot three times in the right eye, in the mouth and just below the heart, Suskind was shot in the head and abdomen. Anderson shot himself once, through the brain.

GERMAN COAL STRIKE

Men In Westphalian Fields Betarning

To Work—Two Ellied In

Fighting

BERLIN, March 20 .- The termination of the strike in the Westphalian coal-fields, where nearly 200,000 miners laid down their tools on March 11, was mark-ed by two fatalities last night in attacks by strikers on non-strikers working in the pits. The third man was

wounded, probably fatally.

In the Saar district the strikers also have abadroned the movement and gone back to work, but the miners in upper Silesia are leaving the pits in increas-

Financiers at Canadian Club Dinner in World's Metropolis Speak of Banking and Industrial Conditions

MAINTENANCE OF DOMINION'S CREDIT

Mr. Plummer Says That Iron and Steel Workers in This Country Have Never Been Idle

LONDON, March 20 .- The iron, steel and banking elements predominated at the Canadian club dinner tonight. Responding to the toast "Of the Dominion," Mr. Plummer said that the Canadian iron and steel workers had never lost a day's work. America had not taken the business from the Canadian, but still they had made them do business at a very fine pace. After all Canada had done to develop the iron and steel industry, she had only filled about half her own market. Her idea was that England should do the rest.

land should to the rest.

F. M. Williams Napier in proposing "The Visitors" declared the cohort of banking talent gathered there would dispel all doubts concerning Canada's reputation. The Dominion was under great obligation to British bankers and financiers. The greatest fundamental factor in Canada's development was the creation and maintenance of her credit by the Canadian banking system covered by wise men here, most of them from the north of the Tweed, was most helpful and also there had been an entire lack of jealousy on the part of the London banks towards Canadian banks which had established themselves here, a state of things very different in New York and Hilinois states

Gun for Aeroplane LONDON, March 20.—It is announced that the firm of Vickers, Sons & Maxim have produced a quick-firing gun which can be used from aeroplanes and dirigibles. It has already been tested successfully. The gun has the appearance of a telescope and weighs about 100 pounds. Its lightness is said not to effect its efficiency.

Into Operations of Marine Agencies on Pacific Coast— Montreal Harbor Affairs

LIGHT ON TEMISKAMING DAM TRANSACTION

OTTAWA, March 20 .- The first report of the public service committee giving the history of the famous Temiskaming dam transaction is being prepared, and will be presented shortly. In the meantime the commission has two men, Messrs. W. Jackson and T. H. Switzer, Messrs. W. Jackson and I. H. Switzer, overhauling the Sorel shippard. Mr. Jackson is an experienced shipbuilder, and Mr. Switzer a mechanical engineer. It will be remembered that the paint for the house of Adelard Lanctot, then Liberal member for Richelieu, came from this shipyard at Sorel. Expert accountants under instructions from the commission have been going through the books of the Montreal harbor commis-sion covering the whole term of office of the present commission. Major Stephens, chairman of the Montreal harstepnens, enarman of the Montreal har-bor commission, was in Ottawa today. The investigation by the public service commission will probably open next week in Montreal. The commission be-fore completing the work assigned it by the government will visit western Can-ada and the coast investigation. ada and the coast, investigating the op-erations of the Dominion land agencies in the prairie provinces and the marine agencies on the Pacific coast.

VANCOUVER'S PARKS

Mr. Thomas E. Mawson, Distinguish Landscape Architect, To Plan De-velopment of System

WINNIPEG, March 20 .- Thos. H. Mawson, the distinguished lecturer on landscape architecture at the Liverpool University, who gave a course of lec-tures on city planning at Toronto Unitures on city planning at Toronto University in November last passed through Winnipeg today en route for Vancouver to advise the parks commissioners on the design, and development of their park system. Perhaps his most distinguished achievement lies in securing the design for the grounds attached to "The Hague temple of peace" in competition with European landscape artists.

FIRST MINISTER'S. ISLAND DATES

his previously announced itinerary for Vancouver island in so far that he now finds it possible to advance his meeting at Nanaimo in support of Mr. A. E. Planta's candidature to Friday (tomorrow) evening, Saturday—the date first fixed for the old Coal City—being given to Ladysmith, where each day increases the confidence of Dr. Dier's supporters that he will be returned triumphaptly as member for Newcastle on the 28th. Hon. Dr. Young is understood to have left Prince Rupert for home via

time; while Hon. Mr. Taylor is at present compagining with Hon. Mr. Hoss in Fernie district.
This evening the Conservative candidates for Victoria City will be heard at A. O. U. W. Hall—that is, the three who are at present in the city, Messrs. Thomson, Behnsen and Davey. Other speakers will also be there and the committee in charge have provided a musical programme that will be quite up to the high standard set at previous Conservative gatherings. The meeting will open at 8 o'clock, and seats will be reserved for ladies.

LONDON, March 20.—A bequest of \$6,250,000 was left by the late Baron Wadsworth to found an orphanage.

Burning of Yale-Columbia Sawmill Plant with Loss of \$80,000 and Other Outbreaks Arouse Suspicion

last fall has thrown inhabitants into a state bordering on consternation. On Monday night a fire in the Griffin block occurred. During the night another started at the rear of the Brackman-Ker warehouse and today the whole of the Yale-Columbia sawmill plant and much of its lumber was de-

plant and much of its lumber was destroyed by a third.

This rapid succession of fires leaves little doubt as to their having been the work of an incendiary, especially as in one instance the firemen were able to detect the smell of burning coal off. In that at the Brackman-Ker warehouse the damage done was inconsiderable. The fire began under the platform near the railway track, but this Public Service Investigation form near the railway track, but this the fire brigade soon got control of, though not before a quantity of oats principal loss was that of a C. P. R. car load of hay which was practically destroyed. The yard engine was able to pull it away from the vicinity of the building and to prevent damage to other property.

Today's fire at the Yale-Columbia

sawmills was a more serious matter, and one which has wrought damage to the extent of some \$80,000 and which also will throw a hundred men out of employment until it is possible to rebuild. More than that—the flames have spread to the piles of slabs and wdust used in the reclamation of the surrounding flats, and these being well ablaze may take weeks of fire-Continued on Page 2, Cql. 8.

DISASTROUS FIRE LAT LADYSMITH

Long distance telephone messages from Nanaimo at an early hour this morning report a serious fire raging in the city of Ladysmith which, as the Colonist goes to press, threatens destruction to at least the business portion of

The origin of the blaze is not yet determined, but it originated in the Masonic building, which half an hour after the blaze was first discovered at 2.30 today, was

In addition to the Masonic Hall. In addition to the Masonic Hall, with its paraphernalia and equipment, there had been consumed within half an hour after the fire's outbreak, the Gilman barber shop and pool room, as well as Walters & Alkenhead's dry goods establishment and Noot's jewelry store.

At 3 o'clock the fire was said to be rayaging Lowdon's confection

be ravaging Lowden's confectionary establishment, and working northwesterly to Jones' hotel There was no wind, but flames were stated to be quite beyond control and carried forward in

then very considerably alarmed, the facilities for coping with any evtensive conflagration being far from sufficient—for while water is said to be plentiful, the equipment leaves much to be desired.

Liberal Agents Throughout Great Britain Are Warned to Get Ready for a General Election

POLITICAL CRISIS OF GRAVE CHARACTER

Unionists are Prepared to Take Office if Premier Asquith's Minimum Wage Bill is Defeated

LONDON, March 20.-The liberal papers admit the gravity of the present political crisis, and accuse unauthorized conservative members of approaching the laborites with proposals for a joint attempt to wreck the minimum wage bill. They still believe, however, that a compromise possible as a basis consenting to a five shillings minimum rate in the bill.

rate in the bill.

The Daily Mail regards the bill as already dead. It declares that the liberal agents throughout the country have been warned to prepare for a general election and that the unionists are prepared to take office if the government is defeated.

CLEVELAN, O., March 20.—The wage discussion today between the operators and the representative of the bituminous coal fields of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, held in an effort to avert a possible strike, was without results. The prospect that all the bituminous coal mines would be closed after the first of the month, pending a new two years agreement, was pending a new two years agreement, was said to be imminent. It also was said said to be imminent. It also was said the lack of a wage scale in the central states would leave the union bituminus coal miners in other states without a basis on which to work, and they would have to close, entailing idleness for more than 350,000 miners.

SWAN RIVER, Man., Mar. 20 .- Wm Schlur, an axeman, working for A. R. Dart, was killed at Birch River lumber camp. He was felling a tree which lodged and in coming down it fell upon him, breaking his neck.

Subsidies Amounting to \$500,-000 to be Given Under System Proposed by Hon, Martin Burrell

BRITISH COLUMBIA WILL GET SHARE

OTTAWA. Ont. March 20.—The first federal subsidy to provinces under Hon. Mr. Burrell's amendment to the agriculture bill will, it is expected, reach the haif million mark. The apportionment of this sum among the provinces on the basis of population will, it is believed, provide enough for beginning, and will prepare the way for larger expenditures next year under a more clearly definied system. It is for the purpose of working out a scheme which will be on a permanent basis for the futuer in the several provinces that C. C. James enters the Dominion service.

The half million to be spent this year will give Ontario about \$170,000; Quebec, \$130,000; British Columbia, \$27,000; Saskatchewan, \$33,000, and the other provinces in proportion.

provinces in proportion.

SCHOONER'S PLIGHT Francisco Pishing Vessel Has Try-ing Experience After Spring-ing a Leak

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—The cod fishing schooner Galilee, which cleared from here on March 16 for Bering Sea, was towed into port today by a tug. The Galilee had 18 feet of water in her hold, and the captain and crew were exhaust-ed from a long fight against shipwreck. The first day out the schooner sprung a leak, and after five hours Captain Nelson decided to put about, and was three days and nights before she made the heads. At the time the tug responded to the signal eight schooners were standing by the Galiles.

Train Robbers Vanish

CORINTH, Miss., March 20.—After an all-day search of the wooded river bottoms near here, railroad and express company detectives and members of several local posses reported tonight they had found no trace of the five men who held up the Mobile and Ohio passenger train No. 4 near here last night.

"RELIC OF BARBARISM"

Duke of Connaught's Comment on Dock-ing of Korses' Talls

OTTAWA, March 20.—"I think the docking of horses' tails is a relic of barbarism. Dealers may not agree with me. Horses sell better when they are docked, I think it is a shame to deprive this dumb animal of the tail which God has given it."

This was the declaration of the Duke of Connaught at the annual meeting of the Ottawa Humane Society today. His Royal Highness also spoke strongly against reckless driving and overloading which the Humane Society is fighting in this city.

"I hope there will grow up a strong sentiment against reckless driving and overloading?" he said.

FOUR DIE BY SUFFOCATION

Toronto Mother Carefully Flans Tragedy Involving Her Three Children

TORONTO, March 20 .- Mrs. Emily Orr, wife of James Orr, a carriage maker, put her three children to bed this afternoon at their home at 28 Sackville Place, stuffed the crevasses of the room with papers and with a wrench unscrewed the cap from an unused gaspipe. She then lay down with the children and shared their death by suffece. ren and shared their death by suffoca-

The four bodies were discovered by The foot bodies were discovered by the husband on his return from work. Mrs. Orr left a rambling letter addressed to Miss J. M. June, an elderly woman who lodged with the Orr family, its contents indicating that brooding over her troubles influenced her to commit the crime.

Prompt and Efficient Police Work Results in Capture of Men Who Shot Down Officer Aston

moon ran to earth Walter B. James and Frank Wilson, the two fugitives who es-caped from the steamer Okanagan at Peachland on Tuesday afternoon after shooting Provincial Constable Aston, in whose custody they were being taken

shooting Provincial Constable Aston, in whose custody they were being taken from Penticton to Kelowna, charged with robbing a store at the latter place.

The two prisoners were in a stateroom of the steamer with their captor when one of them pulled a revolver and shot the constable, whose injuries will in all likelihood prove fatal—although a telegram late last evening reported him still bravely battling for life.

After the shooting the pair had breakfast on board the steamer, and when she called at Peachland they left her. It was not until after she had left that town on her trip up the lake that Aston was discovered in the stateroom, unconscious, and in a critical condition.

was discovered in the stateroom, unconscious, and in a critical condition.

Superintendent of Provincial Police Campbell was notified by wire, and he immediately instructed the police in the district to get on the trail of the fugitives, Chief Constable Tooth being in charge of the pursuit. Last night Superintendent Campbell received a telegram from Constable Tooth, telling of the capture of the fugitives, but without particulars of the arrest.

The promptness with which the pair were pursued and captured reflects credit upon the provincial police, who immediately the shooting was known of sont out parties of Indians and whites, and guarded all trails as well as patrol-

and guarded all trails as well as patrol-led the river at Penticton. Accurate des-driptions of the pair were secured, and it was a foregone conclusion that their capture would be affected.

Last night Superintendent Campbell received a telegram from Chief Con-stable Tooth to the effect that Constable Aston was sinking, and little hope for his recovery is entertained. Pending the result of the shooting no action will be taken against the prisoners, who will, however, be promptly charged with murder should the officer die.

CONTEMPT OF COURT

Seattle Mother Who Befuses To Testif: Against Her Son Still In Jail-Youth Goes Free

SEATTLE, March 20.—Mrs. Lottie Kramer, who was sentenced to thirty days' imprisonment for refusing to testify against her 24-year-old son, L. M. Johnson, better known as Kramer, accused of compilcity in the theft of his mother's jewels, won her contest with the law for the freedom of her boy. Tonight young Kramer is free, and his mother is occupying a cell in the county jail. The court instructed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty because of lack of exidence, and at the same time remanded Mrs. Kramer to serve the contempt sentence. Mrs. Kramer was brought into court for the third time, and was questioned regarding the theft. When she refused to testify Judge Mitchell Gillam ended the case, declaring that the court could not hold the ing that the court could not hold the jury together indefinitely.

Young Kramer and his mother left

the courtroom together. Mrs. Kramer was led to her cell, while the boy packed his belongings and hurried away. He told the jailer that he would go to Spokane tonight to avoid further trouble in Seattle.

OPPOSED TO BILL

Mr. A. J. Balfour to Move Rejection of Minimum Wage Legislation—Government is Supported by Laborites

DISCUSSION ON MEASURE MAY BE PROLONGED

Over 2,500,000 Men Out of Work-Acute Distress in Many Districts-Appeal to London for Aid

LONDON, March 20 .- The fate of the minimum wage bill seems trem-bling in the balance. A. J. Balfour will move the rejection of the bill in the house tomorrow. The dramatic reappearance of Mr. Balfour in such a prominent role comes as a great surprise, the decision being taken at a meeting of prominent Unionists.

Meeting of prominent Unionists.

If, as some Unionists assert, the government is riding for a fall, it may come over the minimum wage bill, but there is little doubt that the government can carry the second reading of the bill as the Labor party and the Nationalists have decided to move their support to that end.

Difficulties will arise in the commit-

their support to that end.

Difficulties will arise in the committee stage, when the Laborites will move an amendment with the idea of having inserted the schedule of minimum rates as fixed by the miners' federation. It appears, however, that the federation only carried the resolution in favor of the procedure by the majority of 12 in 160 votes. Evidently, therefore, a large section of the federation favors a less extreme procedure, and possibly when the committee stage arrives more reasonable counsels may prevail.

A cabinet council will be held to-morrow to consider the situation. The probability is that the perliamentary of custor of the bill will extend into next week and there will be no re-sumption of work until the bill has been passed.

been passed.

The distress throughout the industrial districts of the United Kingdom because of the national coal strike, which has thrown 1000,000 miners and more than 1,500,000 other workmen out of employment, is acute. Appeals for assistance constantly are reaching London, which appears to be the least affected of the large cities.

The Earl of Harrow, who has just toured the pottery district of Staffordshire, is asking for funds. He said thousands of children in the district

saire, is asking for funds. He said thousands of children in the district are being fed from charitable funds. In this region alone 20,000 miners are on strike and the lack of coal has thrown out of work 50,000 potters to whose number must be added thousands of general laborers, porters, railroid men and harramen, whose likely hood depends upon the output of the potteries.

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The prevailing conditions in the Erwash Valley, a great hive of industry, stretching from Nottingham to Chesterfield, serve as an example of the conditions elsewhere. Here 75 per cent. of the workers of all trades are idle, and as these men have no strike pay the families are thrown on charity. The mayor of likeston, the largest town in the valley, yesterday received appeals from no fewer than 400 families for aid, and in one of the elementary schools, out of six hundred mentary schools, out of six hundred pupils, four hundred are being fed by the teachers.

Wales is suffering equally with England. Only three tinplate mills are working in the whole country. The cotton mills are closing gradually throughout Lancashire, and the last cargo of coal has now been shipped from Newcastle to the south of Eng-

Many miners who have resumed work in the Scottish coalfields are non-unionists, and the police are having serious trouble in protecting them from assaults by the trades unionists. An abnormal exodus of steamers from British ports for America is taking place. The owners hope to obtain cargoes of American coal for the Mediterranean.

iterranean.
The decline in railroad traffic receipts last week amounted to \$2,855-000, as compared with the same week last year.

Subsidy to Canadian Northern

OTTAWA, March 21.—Included in the subsidies recommended in the es-timates is the bond guarantee for the Canadian Northern in Alberta for \$85,-000 a mile for 115 miles from a point 150 miles west of St. Albert to the

Work of H.M.C.S. Rainbow

OTTAWA, March 20 .- The Pacific division of the Canadian navy has been the means of adding an amount slight-ly exceeding \$13,000 to the consolidated revenue. The Rainbow last summer caught the Seattle ship Edrie poaching canght the Seattle ship Edrie posching in Canadian waters within the three-mile limit. The Edrie was confiscated Her owners went to the courts and endeavored to show that the fishing had been done outside the limit. The supreme court of British Columbia decided that the Edrie was poaching and ordered the sale of the vessel by public auction.